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## Durham Tech program honored

Durham Technical Community College was a top winner in the recent National Council of Instructional Administrators 2006 Exemplary Initiatives Competition.

The college was a co-winner in the "Responding to Community Needs" category for the college's Community Spanish Facilitator program. The NCIA is a professional organization affiliated with the American Association of Community Colleges. For 18 years the organization has presented annual awards in six areas to recognize outstanding ways of improving education at the nation's two-year colleges.

Durham Tech's Community Spanish Facilitator program is a response to the growth of Durham County's Hispanic population, which increased 56.1 percent between 2000 and 2005, excluding illegal immigrants.

Durham Tech's Community Spanish Facilitator certificate program was launched in 2003 with seed money from Verizon South. The program is under the auspices of the Foreign Language discipline within the College's Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer department.